

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Title: PIPE JOINT STRUCTURE AND METHOD OF ASSEMBLING SAME



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Examiner: James M. Hewitt

Date: June 19, 2006

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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**Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment 12 minus highest number  
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add  
\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the office action dated April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as shown below: